## BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2015020495

ORDER GRANTING JOINT REQUEST FOR INITIAL CONTINUANCE AND SETTING MEDIATION, PREHEARING CONFERENCE, AND DUE PROCESS HEARING DATES

On March 20, 2015, the parties filed a joint request to continue the initial mediation, prehearing conference, and due process hearing dates in this matter.

A due process hearing must be conducted and a decision rendered within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) OAH considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and considered all relevant facts and circumstances. The request is:

Granted. All dates are vacated. This matter will be set as follows:

Mediation: May 5, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. Prehearing Conference: May 22, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

Due Process Hearing: June 2-June 4, 2015, and continuing day to day

thereafter, Monday through Thursday as needed, at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge. Unless otherwise ordered, the hearing will commence at 9:30 a.m. on June 2, 2015. Note that the date of the first day of hearing has been changed from June 1, as requested by the parties. OAH does not commence hearings on the first Monday of the month.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: March 20, 2015

/s/

ELSA H. JONES
Acting Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings